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#### History

1. The Bulgarian National Front was founded in Austria in late 1946 by Dr. Ivan Dochev. Its three-point program called for the liberation of Bulgaria from the Communist yoke, the restoration of the Turnovo Constitution, and to obtain these first two goals by activities abroad which would enlist people on the side of the liberation of Bulgaria.
2. The constituent congress took place in Heidelberg in the fall of 1947, and in Munich, in December 1947, the Supreme Council was elected.

#### Organization and Membership

3. Membership (which amounts to about 2000) is open to any non-Communist, and all members have equal rights in the organization, although most of the work is done by Ivan Dochev and Dimitar Vilehev. The former, who is Secretary-General of the Bulgarian National Front, actually possesses the reins of control of the organization as its seal, without which no document can be official, is in his possession. Therefore, all the business and correspondence of the organization must pass through Dochev. Vilehev, who is a lawyer by profession, is the editor of the Bulgarian National Front, and Bulgarian and German language newspaper published in Munich. Dochev publishes and edits the paper Naroden Glas (People's Voice) in Toronto, Canada.
4. The Supreme Council members are: Christo Starev (now in Italy), Ivan Dochev (now in Canada), Stefan Popov (now in Switzerland), and Dimitar Vilehev (now in Germany).
5. In addition to the Supreme Council, there is an executive council, which consists of the presidents of the various country branches of the Bulgarian National Front. In certain countries, where there is an especially large membership, additional executive council members may be appointed to represent them. The Executive Council

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members of the group are:

- a. Canada (the largest concentration of Bulgarian National Front members is in Toronto) - Engineer Angel Ganchev and Dr. Angel Todorov;
- b. United States (has four groups: New York, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Chicago) - Dr. Matay Bochev (New York), Dr. George Paprikov (Jackson, Illinois), and Dr. Kalin Koychev (New York);
- c. Brazil - Engineer Rayko Belapitov and Dr. Kristo Popov;
- d. Venezuela - Dr. Evtaki Antonov;
- e. New Zealand - Atanas Georgiev;
- f. Australia (has three groups) - Ivan Denchev;
- g. Germany - Dr. Aleksandr Labanov;
- h. France - Bogomil Marinov;
- i. Italy (the headquarters of the group are in Trieste) - Milko Petrov;
- j. Greece - Nikola Mutafochiev; and
- k. Turkey - to be elected.

#### NEWSPAPERS

6. Narodn Glas (People's Voice), Toronto, is edited by a committee and has a mailing list of about 1,000, of which only 200 are paid subscriptions. Because of the lack of funds the paper now appears only once a month. Dochev claims that the paper needs 1,000 paid subscriptions in order to break even and do the necessary job of counteracting the Bulgarian Communist press in the area (Move Vreme in Toronto and Novi Dan in Detroit) and the Bulgarian Socialist paper in Granite City, Rabotnicheska Prosveta (Workers' Enlightenment). The editor of Move Vreme (New Times), Simion Tsvetkov, has recently returned from a visit to Bulgaria and is engaged in a campaign to persuade Toronto Bulgarians that Bulgaria is paradise under the Communists.

#### Washington Comments:

1. For further information on Dr. Bochev see CS BB-27476.